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Greetings!

United We Stand

This month fall is in the air and I want to talk about apples.



Bad apples to be more precise.

We all know the proverb “one bad apple spoils the whole barrel,” and this phrase comes to mind when I hear about buildings failing or erectors not getting paid or someone getting hurt on a job site. Unfortunately, this affects our entire industry. Architects and developers hear about bad apples more than they hear about good. See how many hits you get on YouTube when you put in “metal building collapse”.

The MBCEA continues to focus on our mission of the professional advancement of our membership and our industry. Our website “Members Only” area is full of tools, templates and training - free for your use. Our accreditation program continues to flourish, providing contractors and erectors with tangible proof of their commitment to quality, safety and training. Our new training curriculum program with NCCER is underway.

These programs are the perfect backdrop for a new strategy, framed by MBMA and MBCEA to participate in the 2024 AIA conference to deliver/share a message of the ENTIRE metal building system industry to the 15,000+ architects, designers, and specifiers.

This “introduction as a united industry” is an opportunity to make a new first impression. With that, it is time for all of us, to remind ourselves of our association pledge:

- Adhere to metal building systems manufacturer’s drawings, specifications and installation manuals
- Strive for excellence in all aspects of business by using only legal and ethical business practices
- Promote the advancement of pre-engineered metal building sales and steel erection and promote the trade craft Metal Building Assembler.
- Provide employees with opportunities for education through company sponsored learning

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Pledge your Support to MBI/NCCER Curriculum

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- Comply with applicable safety and OSHA standards and adhere to Industry Best Practices.
- Provide a working environment that promotes the safety and health of all.
- Avoid conduct and practices that would discredit the metal building industry.

MBCEA, MBMA and the IAS are working hard to promote metal building systems. Our quality initiatives (AC472 and AC478) are an important part of this plan. But we all need to do our part as well.

Reacquaint yourself with our pledge. Are we living up to those high standards? Do we sometimes look the other way or make excuses for safety and quality infractions? Do we always promote a culture of safety first?

Make sure your team understands their role in our pledge. They are an integral part of the equation. It is one thing for you to offer them training but they also need a commitment to put into practice what they are taught. Make sure they understand the unforeseen consequences of posting silly social media memes about unsafe practices. Again, see the YouTube videos.

Reaching New Heights Together is our motto. As you know, MBCEA has championed a new Metal Building curriculum from the craft training leader – NCCER. This multi-year, million dollar investment will provide the tools we are sorely lacking to recruit, train and develop craft workers skilled in the unique needs of metal buildings.

We need your support to bring this training to life. We need pledged funds to ensure we can complete the program. We need subject matter experts (SME) for committee work to develop the training content. Together we can reach new heights. Are you ready?

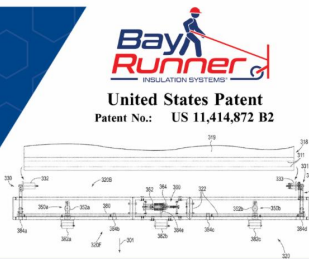
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The advertisement for MetalWalk features a worker in a safety vest and hard hat kneeling on a rooftop walkway. The walkway is made of metal grating and has a safety handrail. The background shows a green landscape. The text "METALWALK ROOFTOP WALKWAY & SAFETY HANDRAIL" is prominently displayed at the top. Below the image is the Design Components logo and the website "www.designcomponents.com" along with the phone number "800-868-9910".

MBCEA Contractor Member Benefit Reminder!

Crew Sourcing Posts - this member benefit is a service provided for when your projects overlap and you're in need of assistance or when you have a gap in your schedule due to a project delay. The goal is to keep everyone working and provide assistance when needed. These posts are not for bid requests and we encourage you to use the **Member Directory** to locate fellow members in your project area. Both the Looking for Erectors and Available Crew posts will be emailed to membership, posted on our Social Media pages and listed on the Crew Sourcing/Employment webpage. We endeavor to gather posts and send the email out once a week.

MBCEA Industry Member Benefit Reminder!

Newsletter Advertising - With a monthly send to about 3,000 email addresses, advertising in the e-newsletter for 12 issues at just \$500 is a great bang for your buck! See past **newsletters** to get an idea of the size of the ad in order to make sure what you send in is readable.

Ad in Member Directory - With over 1,000 hits a month on the member directory, placing an ad which carries through on the bottom of the landing page through the filter results page in List or Map View, means great visibility! The ad size is 728x90 and created by you. Ads will rotate every three months for \$450. Space is available now!

If you haven't participated in our April or July **New Member Roundtables**, you're missing out! Are you sure you are familiar with ALL the Member resources, benefits and opportunities that exist with your membership? The next one is scheduled for 10/11/23, so be sure to **register!**



Did you know that MBCEA members get 15% off at ClickSafety.com with the discount code in the [Training Section of the Members Area](#)? Several OSHA and Construction Courses can be found!



PROVE YOUR QUALITY WITH ACCREDITATION

Rallying around AC478 is the best way to elevate the professionalism of the metal building construction industry. AC478 is a quality assurance accreditation program for metal building assembly which is used to verify the competence of contractors and building erection companies. It is the only means to truly differentiate yourself from the competition.



MBCEA members get free consultative support and a mentor to help them through the program PLUS tons of free templates, tools, and documents related to AC478 in the Members Only Area– well worth the price of membership!!

Have questions? Contact [Jackie Meiluta](#) Check out the [AC478 section](#) of the [Members Only area](#) of the MBCEA website . Hear from your peers on the [MBCEA YouTube channel](#).

Briner

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For more than 50 years, companies throughout Northeast Indiana, Ohio and beyond have trusted Briner to bring their ideas to life. Founded in 1969, Briner helps clients achieve their long-term goals by providing industry-leading construction services with a commitment to quality, integrity, responsibility, community and partnership.

Based in Bluffton, IN, Briner is one of the only design/build general contractors with a full suite of steel erection services in the region. In addition to self-performing steel erection on their own projects, Briner frequently works as a steel erection subcontractor to other regional general contractors.



When Briner leadership first heard about AC478, they knew this was a program for them. The IAS mark of quality is tangible proof that they have appropriate safety, training and quality procedures for assembling Metal Building Systems.

Company President, Bryan Harshbarger says, "Every builder knows triangles make structures strong; likewise, the three mutually supporting principles of AC478 have strengthened our company. We start with a foundation of Training and erect equal sides of Quality and Safety which merge to create our culture. The requirements of AC478 ensure Briner continuously improves as we apply these principles to every project."

For more information about Briner, visit <https://brinerbuilding.com/>. To learn more about AC478, contact **Jackie Meiluta** or visit <https://www.mbcea.org/ac478>.



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Making Your Business Transferrable. Don't Overthink It.

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Ever wondered about the future of your business? You're not alone. Many business owners ask, "Who will take over my business after me?" It's an important question, but before we get there, let's ask ourselves something simpler: "Can my company be passed on to someone else?"

It starts with changing your mindset to prepare for an exit and figuring out how much your business relies on you as the owner.

[Learn More](#)

SAFETY MOMENT – *Craig A. Shaffer, CSP – SafetyWorks, Inc.*

WHERE DO I NEED AN EXTINGUISHER?

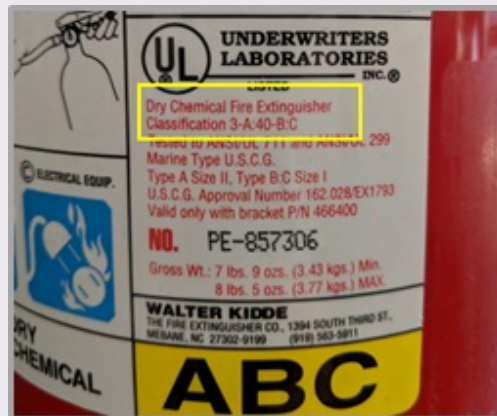
Don't let availability of fire extinguishers be an afterthought on your job! The table below provides you a quick reference for required fire extinguisher size & travel distance (per Fed. OSHA standards):



Location	Min. Extng. Rating	Distance
Each floor where combustible materials	2A per 3,000 sf	Within 100 ft.
Stairway landings	2A	Adjacent to
Storage/handling of more than 5 gal. of flammable liquids (or 5-lbs. flam. gas)	10B	Within 50 ft.
Welding, torching, hot work	2A:10B:C	Within 35 ft.
Refueling areas	20B:C	Within 75 ft.
Tank trucks (flams)	20B:C	Mounted on
LPG tank storage	20B:C	25 – 50 ft.
Interior flammables storage rooms	20B:C	Outside of rm, within 10 ft.
Exterior flammables storage areas	20B:C	25 – 50 ft.

You can find your extinguisher size (classification rating) on the label, right below the UL listing. Generally, an extinguisher that is at least 2A:20B:C rated will do the trick.

Make sure your extinguishers have a tag showing that they have been serviced within the past 12 months. A competent person should also inspect the extinguishers monthly to ensure they are in operable condition, are properly charged, have the handle pin in place, and are readily accessible for use. The monthly check should be documented on the back of the inspection tag – date & initials are all that is needed.



Fire extinguishers are not just work equipment – they’re important to have in your vehicle, home, garage, & camp!

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MBCEA Chapters

Mid-Atlantic Chapter News

Please join us for a one-hour session on **Safety Considerations and Best Practices for Hot Work** on **Friday, September 29**, presented by Craig Shaffer, SafetyWorks, Inc.

Here's what we'll cover:

- What is considered "hot work" & what hazards are inherent to it (what's at stake)
- OSHA & NFPA 51B
- Where is hot work prohibited & when is a permit required
- What is a hot work permit (HWP), what is its purpose, & what does it contain
- How & when to complete a HWP (incl. on multi-employer worksites)
- Key players & their responsibilities – permit authorizing individual, crew competent person, hot work personnel, fire watch personnel
- Fire watch – what is it, when required, how long, when expanded fire watch is needed; fire watch responsibilities
- Hot work ops pre-work briefing & stop work authority

Includes:

- Training booklet/reference
- Online test with Certificate of Completion

This will be offered in a hybrid format, in person or virtually. See the **Registration Form** for additional information and **return by 9/22**.

Register now for our **8th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament** to be held at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays in Coplay, PA on Monday, October 9, 2023. Registration is only open through 9/22! **Thank you to ATAS International, Butler Mfg., Dominion Construction Group, Nucor Building Systems, Tell Doors, and Therm-All for sponsoring this event.**

New England Chapter News

Upcoming events:

Platform, Boom Lift and forklift training set for 9/21/2023 - watch for sign up forms.

Envelope air leakage seminar is set for 11/16/2023 - location to be determined.

Two additions to the local board of directors will be voted on 9/21/2023. This will bring our board to a full slate of officers should they be confirmed:

Director/Vice President Pat Bowman, Territory Manager New England, All Weather Insulated Panels.
Director/Secretary Casey Larson CSR/Admin, Package Steel Systems Inc.

Greater Ohio Chapter News

I wanted to recap our 7th Annual GO MBCEA Golf Outing that was held last week at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Medina, OH. Without a doubt, it was a huge success. We had a record attendance, great weather (upper 70's and breezy), and plenty of great shots with a few clunkers along the way 😊. Let's congratulate the following winners:

- Ray Weible - Longest Putt - Hole #6
- Rick Pichola - Closest to Pin - Hole #12
- Cory Liston - Longest Putt - Hole #13
- Nick Sheely - Longest Drive - Hole #3
- Mike Halapy - Closest to Pin - Hole #17
- Cullen McCarthy - Longest Drive - Hole #18



- 1st Place Team:
 - Mike Halapy
 - Zac Cybulski
 - Brian Deming
 - Tony Fox

- 2nd Place Team:
 - Tom Nock
 - Kevin Kenyon
 - Cory Liston
 - Nick Sheely

- 3rd Place Team:
 - Jacob Wurtzel
 - Ethan Moyer
 - Brandon Foster
 - Ryan Yockey

A huge shout out to our sponsors this year. From the Bloody Mary's, drinks on the course, to the dinner table, everyone was fully hydrated and ate well throughout the day.

Enjoy the snapshots below and be on the lookout for our next event. Thank you all for your continued support and as I speak for the entire Board, we look forward to seeing you at our next event 😊.

Thank you to **Silvercote's** National Accounts Manager, **Robert Tiffin**, for generously donating his time and monies as one of our Exclusive Hole Sponsors at this year's golf outing.

Robert was quick with dispensing the Fireball to anyone brave enough and/or needing some additional confidence out there.

We all know golf can be a pretty frustrating sport at times, so **Thank You** again **Robert & Silvercote** for elevating our coping mechanisms last week at Bunker Hill 😊😊😊



The Metal Buildings Institute is the only place for training and information exclusive to the Metal Buildings Industry. MBCEA members receive access to the Quality & Craftsmanship

101 training videos at no charge and receive discounts on other critical training such as Insulated Metal Panels and Temporary Bracing. Visit us on the web at www.metal-buildings-institute.org.

An informative module on **Retrofit Roofing** has just been released! **Check out the promo!** While you're on the **MBCEA YouTube Channel** watch our Temporary Bracing PSA in either **English** or **Spanish**.

To purchase your copy of Guidelines for Temporary Bracing, **click here**. MBCEA members take 50%

off the purchase price with your 2023 discount code. The discount code will also give members a \$200 discount on the annual subscription to the IMP and Retrofit Roofing modules.

Every contractor and erector should have a copy of the guidelines and access the training!

Link your posts and events to the MBCEA timeline!

Share your upcoming events posted on Social Media to the MBCEA timeline by adding an @ before MBCEA, click on the MBCEA account when it shows in a dropdown, and the site will automatically create the link.

Assessors Needed – IAS Metal Building Inspection Assembler Accreditation Program AC478

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) is seeking individuals to work in contract positions as Assessors for the IAS Metal Building Inspection Assembler (AC478) Accreditation Program.

The ideal assessor will have a strong background in the metal building industry with experience in field assembly of metal building systems and awareness about the IAS Accreditation Criteria for Inspection Practices of Metal Building Assemblers AC478. Experience in conducting assessments or inspections is preferred. Awareness of the items below would be helpful.

- AWS D1.1 and AWS D1.3, Structural Welding Code
- Ironworker Quality Construction Practices, Metal Building Systems
- Metal Buildings Institute, Quality and Craftsmanship Training Series,
- OSHA Regulations (Standard 29 CFR), Part 1926 Safety and Health Regulations for Construction
- Engineered drawings and manufacturer's erection drawings and blueprints
- Erection tolerances of "AISC Code of Standard Practice."
- Job Safety Analysis also known as Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA), Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) and Task Hazard Analysis (THA)
- Job site specific plans
- Satisfactory completion of the MBI Quality and Craftsmanship Training Series
- OSHA 10 Certification
- Research Council on Structural Connections

Strong communication skills (written and verbal), and the ability to work with Excel and Word documents would be preferred. If you enjoy traveling, establishing your own schedule, and would like to work with a team of like-minded professionals in the leading U.S. accreditation body, then we would be interested in having you join our team of assessors.

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) is a nonprofit accreditation service headquartered in Brea, California. For more information about IAS, visit www.iasonline.org.

Individuals interested in applying for this position may send their resume to: Laura Uraine at luraine@iasonline.org.



This autumn let everything fall into place